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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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BRUSSELS FOR FAA

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SUBJECT: U.S. COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT VIOLATES IRAQI AIRSPACE

1. MR. LEACH OF TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (LONDON TELEPHONE 293-35353) CALLED USINT AT 1545 (BAGHDAD TIME, WHICH IS GMT PLUS 3) JUNE 5 TO REPORT THAT ONE OF THEIR AIRCRAFT HAD ENTERED IRAQI AIRSPACE WITHOUT PERMISSION AT ABOUT 1445. THE AIRCRAFT, AN L100/30 HERCULES FREIGHTER, WHICH CARRIED SATURN AIRWAYS COLORS AND A CREW OF THREE AMERICANS, HAD BEEN INTERCEPTED BY UNITS OF IRAQI AIR FORCE AND ORDERED TO LAND AT BAGHDAD WHERE PLANE AND CREW WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. AMERICAN CREWMEN WERE CAPT. WALTER BRAND, FIRST OFFICER MARSHALL AND FLIGHT ENGINEER BERGDORF.

2. LEACH REQUESTED OUR HELP IN SECURING RELEASE. HE EXPLAINED THAT COMPANY HAD ERRONEOUSLY GIVEN CAPT. BRAND FLIGHT PLAN TO PROCEED TO DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA,
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VIA IRAQ. ROUTING SHOULD HAVE READ IRAN REPEAT IRAN. LEACH AUTHORIZED USINT TO EXTEND APOLOGIES OF TRANS-INTERNATIONAL AND CONVEY THEIR OFFER TO PAY ANY FINES AND FEES.

3. USINT CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WAS TOLD BY DUTY OFFICER AT 1825 THAT CAPTAIN HAD PAID FINES AND

AIRCRAFT WAS BEING ALLOWED TO RESUME ITS FLIGHT. LAST
NIGHT AND THIS MORNING USINT UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED
TO PHONE TRANS-INTERNATIONAL, BUT THEIR PHONE REGISTERS
A BUSY SIGNAL. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT A HERCULES
AIRCRAFT WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE COLORS IS STILL ON
GROUND AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT AS OF 0900, REQUEST EMBASSY
LONDON RELAY THIS INFO TO TRANS-INTERNATIONAL AND INFORM
US OF WHETHER THEY REQUIRE ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE. WOULD
ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW NATURE OF AIRCRAFT'S CARGO.
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